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Dear Jim,

Thanks for your very nice note and compliments on my remarks to the Union League.

Let me add that, hopefully, I was exaggerating just a bit when I said that we must notify eight committees of Congress for covert action. I sincerely hope that the creation of select committees on intelligence in each house of Congress will lead to the atrophying of requests from a number of the other committees to receive this information. This has already happened on the Senate side to some extent. In short, since foreign relations and appropriations are both expressly represented on the select committees, we can hope that those committees will count on their representatives to keep them posted if necessary. In the long run it may well work out that we in effect report only to two committees. Were it not for that hope, I would share your concern very much.

I do look forward to seeing you down here when your time permits. In the meantime, it was nice to have a chance to say hello at the Union League.

All the best.

Yours,



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